



# TEWKSBURY

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## Water Conservation Tips

The following are water saving tips to help ensure water is available for critical needs such as drinking water, fire protection, crop irrigation, etc.

Abide by Town Water Use Restrictions

### Outside Water Use

- Stop watering your lawns during drought conditions – Most lawns can survive extended dry periods without watering
- Water your lawn only as needed, no more than once or twice a week – The recommended best time to water lawn is from the hours of 6 pm to 9 am – Do not water between 9 am to 6 pm
- Choose native plants and turf that need less water
- Use mulch to reduce evaporation and moderate soil temperature
- Maintain turf grass at 2.5 to 3 inches to shade soil and deepen roots
- Use shut-off nozzles and automatic shut off devices for irrigation systems and “smart” irrigation controllers
- Sweep driveways, patios, walkways with a broom rather than hosing them off
- Wash vehicles using a bucket and sponge

### Indoor Water Use

- Take shorter showers, 5 minutes or less and use water saving showerheads
- Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes
- Turn off water while brushing teeth and shaving
- Reuse clean household water (while you’re waiting for hot water for your sink or shower) to use to water house or outdoor plants
- Avoid flushing the toilet unnecessarily. Dispose of toilet paper, bathroom products in trash rather toilet
- Fix leaks! Dripping faucets, running toilets, leaking pipes and appliances can save hundreds or thousands of gallons a year
- Choose high-efficiency plumbing products and appliances like low-flow toilets and aerators